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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/864)

1. **The Chairman** drew the attention of the Committee to the report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, which had been circulated as document A/58/864. In paragraph 2 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly had decided that the Committee should make recommendations to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the placement of the agenda items for the fifty-ninth session under the headings contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. Furthermore, in paragraph 5 (d), the General Assembly had decided that the Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The Committee would therefore first consider section II of the report of the Secretary-General, which contained the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth regular session of the Assembly, and then annex I to the report, which contained the draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

2. The provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was organized under the following headings corresponding to the priorities set out in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: (i) Maintenance of international peace and security; (ii) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; (iii) Development of Africa; (iv) Promotion of human rights; (v) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts; (vi) Promotion of justice and international law; (vii) Disarmament; (viii) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestation; and (ix) Organizational, administrative and other matters. Cross-cutting issues that fell under more than one heading had been placed under the heading "Organizational, administrative and other matters", as suggested during informal consultations on the matter. In the absence of any comments or recommendations on the placement of agenda items under those headings, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend that the General Assembly submit section II of the report of the Secretary-General to the forthcoming Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **The Chairman** drew the attention of the Committee to annex I of the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/864), and asked whether members wished to make any comments or recommendations.

5. **Mr. Hamburger** (Netherlands), referring to annex I of the report, noted that the draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly envisaged a debate on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit, in conjunction with the report of the Secretary-General, and a separate debate on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, in conjunction with the report of the Economic and Social Council. He suggested that the two debates should be combined into one joint debate, in order to ensure a more coherent approach to the follow-up to the Millennium Summit, which was scheduled for the outset of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, in 2005. A joint debate would be more logical and productive, and might also avoid unnecessary duplication. Lastly, he noted that his view was shared by all countries of the European Union.

6. **The Chairman** said that he took it that the Committee wished to recommend that the General Assembly should submit annex I to the report of the Secretary-General, as orally revised, to the forthcoming Assembly.

7. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.